

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

signed by the chairman or by a person authorized by him in writing to sign them.

"(e) The convention, by resolution adopted on the vote of at least two-thirds of its members, may submit for a vote of the qualified electors of this state a new constitution which may contain alternative articles or sections, or may submit revisions of the existing constitution which may contain alternative articles or sections. Each resolution shall specify the date of the election, the form of the ballots, and the method of publicizing the proposals to be voted on. To be adopted, each proposal must receive the favorable vote of the majority of those voting on the proposal. The conduct of the election, the canvassing of the votes, and the reporting of the returns shall be as provided for elections under Section 1 of this article.

"(f) The convention may be dissolved by resolution adopted on the vote of at least two-thirds of its members; but it is automatically dissolved at 11:59 p. m. on May 31, 1974, unless its duration is extended for a period not to exceed 60 days by resolution adopted on the vote of at least two-thirds of its members.

"(g) The Bill of Rights of the present Texas Constitution shall be retained in full."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for a constitutional revision commission which precedes the convening of the members of the 68rd Legislature or a constitutional convention in January, 1974, for the purpose of submitting to the voters a new constitution or revisions of the existing state constitution."

Adopted by the House on May 18, 1971: Yeas 108, Nays 38; passed by the Senate on May 25, 1971: Yeas 25, Nays 4.

Signed by the Governor May 29, 1971.

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—PUBLICATION OF NOTICE—ELECTION PROCEDURES

H. J. R. No. 65

Proposing an amendment to Article XVII, Section 1, Constitution of the State of Texas, revising provisions of the time and method of proposing amendments to the state constitution and the time and method of publishing notice of proposed amendments.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Article XVII, Section 1, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. The Legislature, at any regular session, or at any special session when the matter is included within the purposes for which the session is convened, may propose amendments revising the Constitution, to be voted upon by the qualified electors for statewide offices and propositions, as defined in the Constitution and statutes of this State. The date of the elections shall be specified by the Legislature. The proposal for submission must be approved by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each House, entered by yeas and nays on the journals.

## 62nd LEGISLATURE—REGULAR SESSION

"A brief explanatory statement of the nature of a proposed amendment, together with the date of the election and the wording of the proposition as it is to appear on the ballot, shall be published twice in each newspaper in the State which meets requirements set by the Legislature for the publication of official notices of officers and departments of the state government. The explanatory statement shall be prepared by the Secretary of State and shall be approved by the Attorney General. The Secretary of State shall send a full and complete copy of the proposed amendment or amendments to each county clerk who shall post the same in a public place in the courthouse at least 30 days prior to the election on said amendment. The first notice shall be published not more than 60 days nor less than 50 days before the date of the election, and the second notice shall be published on the same day in the succeeding week. The Legislature shall fix the standards for the rate of charge for the publication, which may not be higher than the newspaper's published national rate for advertising per column inch.

"The election shall be held in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Legislature, and the returning officer in each county shall make returns to the Secretary of State of the number of legal votes cast at the election for and against each amendment. If it appears from the returns that a majority of the votes cast have been cast in favor of an amendment, it shall become a part of this Constitution, and proclamation thereof shall be made by the Governor."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment revising provisions on the time and method of proposing amendments to the state constitution and the time and method of publishing notice of proposed amendments."

Adopted by the House on May 25, 1971: Yeas 141, Nays 1, and 8 present not voting; passed by the Senate on May 28, 1971: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Signed by the Governor May 31, 1971.

### PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—PUBLIC BONDS—INTEREST RATE—CONFLICTING RATES REPEALED

H. J. R. No. 82

Proposing an amendment to Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding a new Section 65 increasing to six percent per annum all specified maximum interest rates on bonds issued pursuant to constitutional authority.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding a new Section 65 to read as follows:

"Section 65. Wherever the Constitution authorizes an agency, instrumentality, or subdivision of the State to issue bonds and specifies the maximum rate of interest which may be paid on such bonds issued pursuant to such constitutional authority, such bonds may bear interest at rates not to exceed a weighted average annual interest rate of 6%. All Constitu-